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NARROWLY ESCAPED SINKING.

Fishing Schooner and Lobster Smack in Collision Off Portland.

The lobster smack Eva M. Martin while coming from the eastward Sunday night came near going to the bottom as the result of a collision with the fishing schooner Albert D. Willard. Both schooners were coming into the harbor and were in close proximity, the Willard coming in by the wind while the Martin had her engine going. When off the bell buoy coming in by Portland light, about 10 o'clock, each vessel making about eight knots, the Martin's engine suddenly stopped and she luffed up directly in front of the Willard, so that a collision was unavoidable. That the Martin was not sunk is surprising as the Willard struck her on the stern and rammed her jibboom right through the Martin's mainsail, tearing it completely away from the spars. The crews of both schooners were mostly below at the time, but feeling the shock of the collision came tumbling on deck, fearing the very worst. For nearly 20 minutes the schooners clung together before the crews could separate them, when finding no serious damage had resulted a start was made for the wharf. Beyond the loss of her mainsail the only damage to the Martin was slight injury to her stern, while the Willard has hardly a scratch to show as a result of the collision. The skippers of the two vessels being the best of friends the question of damages was amicably arranged, each paying one-half the cost of repairs.

RISKED LIFE FOR SHIPMATES.

Fishermen Rowed Ashore to Secure Help from Life Saving Station.

The heroism of one of the five men who comprised the crew of the little fishing sch. W. Tal Dodge of Noank, Conn., who rowed ashore alone, at Block Island, in a dory after the vessel had been driven ashore on Grove point in the blinding snow storm last night, was all that saved the lives of the others. The Dodge had been fishing off Nantucket shoals and was endeavoring to make shelter when the storm broke. The snow fell so thickly that it was impossible to see where they were going and at 10 p. m. the boat struck on Grove point, at the northeast end of Block Island. Realizing that their only hope lay in one of their number getting to shore one of the sailors, whose name is not known, volunteered to go. The wind was blowing a 50-mile gale when he pulled away from the side of the little boat and disappeared into the darkness.

The man reached the shore after a battle and told of the plight of his friends, with the result that a crew from the Sandy Point life saving station under Capt Sands went to the rescue and brought the men ashore. It is not thought that the schooner can hold together more than a few hours.

May Defer Lobster Regulations.

At the recent meeting of the Canadian marine and fisheries committee, Hon. L. P. Brodeur recommended that the committee take action to have the new regulations for lobster fishing deferred for two years. The regulations were made last year on the recommendation of this committee. By them the size limit of lobsters which may be taken was abolished, and there was substituted a trap limitation, a minimum size and space between slats being specified.

There has been many protests over the new regulations. Several delegations have come to Ottawa and Hon. Mr. Brodeur has told them that as he had been guided by the advice of the common's fishery committee in making the regulations he would be guided only by that committee in changing them. The committee will meet again and it is understood pass the resolution deferring the new regulations.

International Fisheries Congress.

Under the auspices of the Societa Italiana per la Pesca there is to be an International Fisheries Congress at Rome next year, 1911. This is in conformity with the resolutions of the Fourth International Fisheries Congress held in Washington in 1908. The congress will be held in the second half of May; the day of the opening and the duration will be announced later. The year of 1911 was selected because it will be the occasion of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the proclamation of Victor Emmanuel as King of Italy (1861), and all Italy will be en fete.

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Nova Scotia Steam Trawler Made Big Catch.

The Nova Scotia steam trawler Coquet landed 50,000 pounds haddock Sunday at Canso, N. S., the largest catch since she came to Nova Scotia waters. The trawler Wren also landed good trips on Wednesday and Saturday. The Canso boats are making good catches daily, landing from 2000 to 10,000 pounds each, when the weather permits. Good prices prevail. There is an ample supply of frozen squid in the Canso cold storage freezer which makes it possible for the boats to use every fine day. There is a great scarcity of bait on most parts of the Nova Scotia coast.

Fish Companies Unite.

The San Francisco Call reports the organization of the Marine Commercial Company with a capital of \$2,000,000. It says that Antonio Tropic, of the so-called fish trust, is one of the promoters. Other companies that have reported joined are the International Fish Company, the California Fish Company, the New San Francisco Fish Company, I. Ahoto of the International Fish Company, and Frank E. Booth, the fish packer.

Portland Fish Notes.

The following fish arrivals were reported here on Monday: Albert D. Willard with 12,000 and the Wesley W. Sinnett with 7000 for the F. S. Willard Co., and the Bernie and Bessie with 3000 and the Watauga with 12,000 for the Commercial wharf dealers.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Ramona and Thomas A. Cromwell were at Liverpool, N. S., on Saturday and cleared for Bay of Islands, N. F.

Sch. Lillian was at Liverpool, N. S., on Saturday and cleared for the fishing grounds.

Good Price for Herring.

While the run of herring was on at Tusket river and Deep Cove, N. S., there was smart competition among buyers, whose beet from New Brunswick and elsewhere, include one steamer. Agents from New York were also on the spot. To the first comer, herring sold for \$1.20 per barrel. When others arrived the price rose to \$1.50. A wide-awake fisherman then sculled around among the buyers and got \$1.75. Soon, all others had to come up to that figure.

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Booth Fisheries Company.

The Booth Fisheries company directors will not consider dividends until the end of the fiscal year, April 30, 1911. President Letts says the net earnings for the current year are ahead of last year, when they were ten per cent. on the preferred stock, after interest and sinking fund reductions.

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RECORD PRICE ON CODFISH.

NEW HIGH FIGURE MADE ON FARE OF SCH. HATTIE A. HECKMAN.

Salt cod have gone up again. The raise wasn't much, only five cents per hundred pounds on the large fish, but it make a big high figure and stands as a record. When the fares of eastern deck handline and dory handline cod sold last week for \$5.50 for large and \$5 for mediums and snappers, the figures were nailed as the highest ever paid in the history of the business here. Now five cents have been tacked onto the large, making the last sales \$5.55 for large and \$5 for mediums and snappers. The price was made on the fare of eastern deck handline cod of sch. Hattie A. Heckman, which sold to the Cunningham & Thompson Company. The fare of the eastern deck handliner Juno, which arrived this morning and will go to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company will bring the same figures.

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LIGHT RECEIPTS AT T WHARF.

DEALERS WANT FISH AND ARE WILLING TO PAY GOOD PRICES FOR IT.

Receipts at T wharf continue light as the market fleet has had no chance to fish for the past few days on account of the storm. Of the 13 arrivals this morning, six are pollockers and their catches are small, running from 2000 to 10,000 pounds.

Sch. Topsail Girl of the Portland fleet, is among the arrivals with a fine fare of 19,000 pounds most of which are haddock. Sch. Genesta is the only other market boat in and hauls for 13,000 pounds.

There are five arrivals from off shore and most of them have evidently been fishing on Brown's bank, as very few of the fleet are now doing any fishing in the Channel. They have nice fares and have not been out long. Sch. Alice M. Guthrie has 51,000 pounds and her resulting stock will be one of the best of the season. Schs. Moaniam, with 32,000 pounds and sch. Georgianna with 35,000 pounds will also do well financially.

Sch. Manhasset, with 48,000 pounds cod and haddock and 2000 pounds halibut besides, is evidently farther to the eastward than the others. Like the Guthrie, she should take down a fine bit of money for her catch.

The dealers want fish and are willing to pay for them. Prices hold good. Haddock went at from \$4 to \$4.25, while large cod brought \$4.75 and \$5. Hake, right through, sold for \$3 and pollock were the same.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 3500 pollock.

Sch. James and Esther, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Topsail Girl, 14,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 24,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2000 hake, 10,000 cusk, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Moaniam, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk, 400 halibut.

Sch. Virginia, 2000 haddock, 5000 cod, 7000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Manhasset, 25,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 2000 halibut.

Sch. Georgianna, 18,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 5000 cusk, 400 halibut.

Sch. Genesta, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Marion, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Little Fannie, 3000 pollock.

Haddock, \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.75 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3; pollock, \$2.95 to \$3; cusk, \$2.25 to \$3.

WASHED INTO THE SEA.

One of the Crew of Former Gloucester Craft Drowned in Gale.

The little Boston fishing sch. Olive May, formerly of this port, was driven ashore in the gale yesterday, on the south side of Martha's Vineyard and Peter Silva, one of the crew, hailing from New Haven, was washed overboard by one of the big seas which swept over the craft, and drowned.

The craft bid up on the rocks about 4 o'clock in the morning and the four other members of the crew saved themselves by jumping into a dory which had been previously been washed overboard but had remained right side up. Capt. Antoine Silva, who remained in the rigging was rescued by the crew of another fishing vessel, while the four men who took to the dory were picked up and brought into Vineyard Haven by the fishing sch. Charlotte J. Kingsland of Stonington.

The Olive May, which was smashed badly and will be a total loss, was 14 tons burden and owned by J. H. Rich & Co. of Boston.

WILL STAY THROUGH SEASON.

Capt. Reuben Cameron Will Look After Interests at Bay of Islands.

to Codroy Roads in the interest of the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company and brought the leaking sch. Georgie Campbell to North Sydney, C. B., to go on the ways for repairs, has returned again to Newfoundland, going this time to Bay of Islands, where he will remain during the herring season in the interest of Orlando Merchant, who has a fleet of vessels there. Capt. Cameron will take the place of the late Capt. Thomas Bohlin, who died so suddenly at Bay of Islands last Saturday and who had been in charge of the Merchant fleet.

MADE THE LARGEST STOCK IN HISTORY

Sch. Arethusa Has Wonderful Record for the Season Now Closing.

A remarkable record was that made by sch. Arethusa, Capt. Clayton Morrissey in the salt bank cod fishery the past season. In respect to stock it is far and away the largest ever made in this branch of the fishery either by a home craft or Newfoundland or Nova Scotia banker, while too, the amount of fish landed came within 8000 pounds of equalling the best previous record.

The Arethusa is the big knockabout owned by the Cunningham & Thompson Company and Capt. Morrissey, and which under the latter's command has been remarkably successful since she was launched three falls ago. This year Capt. Morrissey made an early start and laughingly remarked that he was going to try for the million pound mark. He struck big fishing and was home on the first trip unusually early, arriving with a monster fare of 440,000 pounds of salt cod. He hustled the fare out and drove her again for the fishing grounds, and after being out but nine weeks, came in again on August 8, with 270,000 pounds. Then with one 700,000 pounds landed and the season practically only about half over and the best fishing time to come, it certainly did look as though he not only had a fine chance to make the million pound mark, but incidentally to break all existing records in the salt bank fishery.

Capt. Morrissey Taken Ill.

Unfortunately however, just a few hours before the craft was ready to sail on her third trip, Capt. Morrissey was taken suddenly and dangerously ill and was hurried to the hospital, where for several days his life hung in the balance. His recovery was slow and it was seen that he would not be able to stand the strain and hard work incident to a fall trip, even after he got out of the hospital, so the craft was sent out on the third trip under command of Capt. James Wise, who despite the bad weather and poor fishing struck, secured 120,000 pounds of salt cod. Had Capt. Morrissey not fallen ill, there is every reason to believe that while the chances were against his making the desired mark still he would have given it a hard rub and incidentally broken the record for amount of fish landed.

As it was the Arethusa, for her three trips, all of which were trawl bank voyages, weighed off the handsome total of \$26,327 pounds, the record being 833,950 pounds, held by Capt. Newman Wharton of sch. Arkona and made for the season of 1909. The Arkona, for that same season, 1909, also made the record stock of \$24,948.28 and this stood as the record until the work of the Arethusa was figured up for the season just closed and found to amount to the magnificent total of \$27,362.79, a record which bids fair to stand for many a day.

HALIBUT TRIP IN YESTERDAY.

OTHER ARRIVALS WERE OF SALT HERRING AND 60,000 OF SALT COD.

A whole real trip of halibut, the first for several days, arrived yesterday afternoon, the fortunate vessel being sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert Porper, which dusted in from Quero Bank and sold her 22,000 pounds at 12 cents per pound for white and 11 cents per pound for gray, with the heads on.

The Cavalier also had 12,000 pounds of salt cod, so her trip has been a profitable one for all concerned.

This morning another of the salt herring fleet arrived, sch. Priscilla Smith, which has been looked for for the past day or two being the craft to get in and she came along pretty near to schedule.

A snug trip, and one which represents quite a bit of money is that of sch. Juno, from an eastern deck handling voyage, with 60,000 pounds of salt cod. The fare will go to Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, owners of the vessel.

Sch. Ella G. King got in this forenoon, after a hard passage from the Newfoundland Treaty Coast with a load of salt codfish. The trip at this season of the year was quite an undertaking for the old craft, and although she did really have severe weather and was out in two very heavy gales, still she came through them all right, excepting for having some of her sails torn and having to put in at North Sydney, C. B., after coming across the mouth of the Gulf.

The Ella G. King has on board 185,000 pounds of salt cod, 5000 pounds of flitched halibut, 20 barrels of oil and 16 barrels of herring.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1250 bbls. salt herring, 100 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Ella G. King, Bonne Bay, N. F., fare of salted codfish.

Sch. Juno, eastern deck handling, 60,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Eglantine, via Boston.

Sch. Hope, shore.

Sch. Hortense, shore.

Sch. Valentina, via Boston.

Sch. Dixie, shore.

Sch. Cavalier, Quero Bank, 23,000 lbs. halibut, 12,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Masasoit, shore.

Sch. Grace Otis, shore.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, via Boston.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Thalia, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Rex, haddocking.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Emily Cooney, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.

Sch. Harriet, haddocking.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, haddocking.

Sch. Mattakesett, haddocking.

Sch. Manomet, haddocking.

Sch. Stranger, haddocking.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, haddocking.

Sch. Grace Otis, pollocking.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, pollocking.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, pollocking.

Sch. Lafayette, pollocking.

Sch. William H. Rider, pollocking.

Sch. Jubilee, pollocking.

Sch. Appomattox, pollocking.

Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, pollocking.

Sch. Mettacommet, pollocking.

Sch. Massachusetts, Newfoundland frozen herring trip.

Sch. Annie M. Parker, Newfoundland herring trip.

Sch. Olga, Newfoundland herring trip.

Sch. Gossip, Newfoundland herring trip.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, Georges.

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Halifax Schooner Sold for Sealing.

Capt. John Clark and Capt. Victor Gullin have purchased the sch. Emma H., of Mahone Bay, Halifax. She will sail from Halifax to Cape Horn sealing grounds. From there she will proceed to the Pacific coast to be operated from Victoria in the sealing business. Capt. Gullin will be in command of the schooner around the Horn. Capt. Clark intends to go over land and will meet Capt. Gullin at Victoria. This schooner is supposed to be one of the finest crafts that has ever left Halifax for that business.

Dec. 8. FROST AT BAY OF ISLANDS

A letter to the Times today from Bay of Islands, N. F., brings the cheering news that the situation has improved somewhat of late and also that there had been considerable frost. Several vessels are well along with their salted loads and will be finished up and ready to sail soon. Herring at Bonne Bay continue plentiful.

Fulton Market Fish News.

Stock was very scarce and high in price during the latter part of last week, notwithstanding that trade was only fair. During the first half of the week prices were low, the demand being extremely light. Shipping orders in the salt water fish business were fair and if stock becomes more plentiful and prices ease up, it is likely that there will be good business from now on.

Frozen fish of nearly all kinds that go into the freezer have been brought out in large quantities and sold at comparatively high prices.

Eleven smacks reached the market with codfish during the week and the entire catch was only 8200 fish. Even with the Boston supply the price of steak cod sold up to a shilling a pound, while top price for market fish was seven cents, the quotation for Friday.

Spanish mackerel selling at a lower price than steak cod seems a strange condition, still such was the case during the past week. While the fish sold at eight to 10 cents during the first half of the week, it advanced in sympathy with increased quotations on other fish to 10 cents to a shilling on Wednesday. The following day there were some heavy arrivals, which caused quotations to lower somewhat, 10 to 11 cents being asked. An additional carload of Spanish mackerel reached the market yesterday, and the price dropped to nine to 10 cents.

Portland Fish Notes.

Capt. John Toothacher of sch. Loch-Invar and Capt. Edward Smith of sch. Hockomock were lucky men Tuesday. They arrived in port after having been gone about three days and as a result each one of them stocked a pretty handsome sum for his vessel. The two craft have been landed 18,000 pounds of mixed fish for the Commercial wharf dealers for which they received about \$800 each. The fares were all in good condition and included a large amount of haddock.

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Fast Work Unloading.

They are doing some fast work around here on unloading the salt herring vessels and getting them away again. Sch. Miranda is now all ready for her second trip and will sail this afternoon and sch. Annie M. Parker, which arrived here Friday with the largest salt herring cargo of the season is all out, fitted again and sailed on her second trip this morning.

Sch. Massachusetts sailed today and schs. Gossip and Olga will sail this afternoon. The herring fleet this season is certainly going to be a record-breaker all right.

Were Herring Shipped Duty Free?

A Shelburne correspondent writes to say that the town can have no antagonism whatever to free trade in fish. He also states that two years since when the herring came ashore there in winrows, a Gloucester vessel bought 500 barrels there and afterwards concluding to try the Canadian market landed the fish and shipped them duty free to St. Johns. Is there any truth in this startling tale? —Clark's Harbor, N. S. Coast Guard.

Market Fleet Waiting for Bait.

Quite a number of market boats are hung up for want of fresh bait. Very few of the crafts went out from here last night and several came down from Boston, all seeking bait. Even frozen bait is far from being plentiful and it looks as though many of the market fishermen would be using it this time out.

Fitting for Frozen Herring.

Capt. Angus Hines will now fit sch. Massachusetts for a frozen herring trip to Bay of Islands, N. F. Capt. Hines, who has made a fine record in sch. Annie M. Parker, both in the salt bank and herring fisheries, will retain command of the Massachusetts next bank fishing season.

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Former Gloucester Craft Rebuilt.

The fishing smack Clara Sewell, owned by the Warren Fish Co. of Pensacola, Fla., and formerly of the market fleet from this port, was launched at that place on November 26, after being rebuilt.

Halibut Fare Sold.

The fare of halibut of sch. Cavalier sold to the American Halibut Company at 12 cents per pound for white and 11 cents for gray, with the heads on.

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Today's Fish Market.

Bay of Islands salt herring, \$4.50 per bbl.; Bonne Bay salt herring \$3.75 per bbl.; pickled herring \$5 per bbl.
 Eastern deck handline salt cod, \$5.50 per cwt.; for large \$5 for mediums and \$5 for snappers.
 Salt trawl bank cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.37½ for medium.
 Bank halibut 12 cts. per lb. for white, 11 cts for gray, with the heads on.
 Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.00.
 Salt haddock, \$2.00 per cwt.
 Salt hake, \$2.00 per cwt.
 Salt pollock, \$2.00 per cwt.
 Dory handline cod, \$5.40 per cwt. for large; \$5.00 for mediums and \$5.00 for snappers.
 Splitting prices for fresh fish:
 Codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.
 Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.
 Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.20 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.15 per cwt.
 Georges handline salt cod, \$5.25 for large and \$4.75 for medium.

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MONEY IN SMALL FISH.

How the Maine Boys Lay a Foundation for a Business Fortune.

What the boys and girls of the forest fringe in eastern Maine choose to call "easy money" is earned every autumn by going forth with light dipnets when the shell ice is forming along the shallow margins of lakes and ponds and dipping out the small mummichubs, minnows and sticklebacks, and keeping them in aerated tanks until the law is off for citizens of Maine to fish through the ice for trout and landlocked salmon.

An active boy with rubber boots and net can dip two barrels of these small fish in a day, or about 200 individual fishes, which are practically worthless at the time they are caught, as the law forbids fishing for landlocked salmon, togue and trout after September 30. By December 30 pickerel fishing begins, and live bait sells for four cents a dozen.

By waiting another month the fish in the tanks find a ready market for members of the trout family at two, three and even four cents apiece. As the season advances, the days grow longer, and the supply of live bait grows constantly less, and trained fishermen who have not put by great stores of earthworms will often pay \$5 to \$8 a hundred for plump and lively sticklebacks.

When a boy with a horse and cart can capture 5000 lively minnows in a day and care for them with a few bread crumbs and keeping a constant flow of water in his cellar, and sell them at his door in February for \$250 or more in cash, he begins to dream about the great wealth he is going to win when he becomes a real man.

NO SIGN OF FROST.

Weather Continues Mild at Bay of Islands—Herring Scarce.

A letter to the Boston Fish Bureau from Bay of Islands, N. F., dated December 5, says the herring in the bay appear restless and have not settled there continues very mild, with no sign of frost. The herring in the bay appear restless and have not settled down in any of the Arms. There appear to be plenty outside, in deep water where the fishermen cannot catch them. The fishermen say that the long spell of mild weather is responsible for the fish not striking into the Arms in a goodly body. At Bay of Islands the schs. Oregon and Saladin are loaded with salt and waiting a favorable chance to sail.

At Bonne Bay herring are plentiful and are running better for size and quality than last season. At this place sch. Essex, Maxine and Gov. Russell are reported loaded with salted cargoes.

Recent advices from Bay of Islands, N. F., state that schs. Arthur James, Indiana and Sylvania have secured full loads of salt herring there and sailed for home. The report also states that one of Davis Bros. fleet, one of the Cunningham & Thompson Co. fleet and two of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries fleet are among the latest sailings.

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HAKE HIGHER THAN HADDOCK.

T WHARF MARKET STRONG WITH LIGHT RECEIPTS EVEN FOR WEEK-END.

There is but one of the long stringer market fleet at T wharf this morning, the bulk of the arrivals being confined to the little bay netters and off-shore haddocks, there being seven of the former and three of the latter, also four pollockers.

The market holds strong even though the end of the week is in sight, but the small amount in is not enough even for the lively local demand and prices consequently hold up well. A handful of shore haddock sold for \$4, while off-shore haddock sold at \$3.75.

The plebian hake has come into his own and is liable to be a king seller for quite a while from now on. This morning they brought more than haddock and sold on a par with large cod, at \$4.50. The pollockers got from \$2.35 to \$2.50 for their good catches. One of the off-shore crafts had 1000 weight of halibut and sold at 18 and 14 cents per pound.

The off-shore craft in are schs. Raymah, Elsie and Conqueror the fares running from 34,000 to 49,000 pounds, sch. Elsie having the latter amount. Capt. Felix Hogan in the Raymah, is making a big record for quick trips and is hitting the market every time. Capt. Hogan bids fair to put his big fall and early winter record of 1908 in the shade, if he keeps up his present gait to New Year's.

Boston Arrivals.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Wm. H. Rider, 16,000 pollock.
 Sch. Elsie, 33,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 hake, 1000 halibut.
 Sch. Conqueror, 25,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 3000 hake.
 Sch. Emily Cooney, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
 Sch. Wodan, 700 cod.
 Sch. Golden Eagle, 600 haddock, 3100 cod, 300 hake.
 Sch. Mabel Leavitt, 300 haddock, 5800 cod, 1500 pollock.
 Sch. Florida, 3000 cod.
 Sch. Eddie A. Mnot, 1800 cod.
 Sch. On Time, 1500 cod.
 Sch. Sylvester, 100 cod.
 Sch. Volant, 17,000 pollock.
 Sch. Appomttox, 10,000 pollock.
 Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 12,000 pollock.
 Sch. Raymah, 14,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 2000 hake, 4000 cusk.
 Haddock, \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50; market cod, \$2.25 to \$3.75; hake, \$4.50; pollock, \$2.35 to \$2.50; halibut, 18 and 14 cents per lb.

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Lunenburg, N. S., Fish Notes.

The LaHave fishing schooner Utowana is sold to Newfoundland parties.

The new fishing schooner Lloyd-George, recently launched at Shelburne from the shipyard of McKay & Co., is now lying at Riverport.

Another crack bank fishing schooner was launched from Smith & Rhuland's yard Wednesday morning. She will be commanded by Capt. John Mosher, for whose daughter the vessel was named. The Marion Mosher is 115 feet over all, 26 feet beam and 10 feet 10 inches hold. She is fitted with all modern improvements.

The fresh fishing schooner James A. McLean, Capt. Geldert, which was ashore near Shelburne, was successfully floated and arrived at Lunenburg Tuesday evening. She will go on the marine railway for repairs.

Danish Steamer Lost

Hope is abandoned at St. John's for the safety of the little Danish steamer Hamlet with her crew of five men, which has been unaccounted for on a voyage taking ordinarily three days. She was bound from St. John's for Lamaline, to load fish for a Spanish port. Terrific storms swept the coast the day she departed.

Portland Fish Notes.

Except for a few hundred pounds that were brought in here by the small boats yesterday, there were no fish receipts. The market is fairly low at the present time, owing to the bad weather of the past few days. The fleet is outside, however, and is expected in today with a large amount of sea food.

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SAW STRANGE FISH.

Crew of Galveston Schooner Thought to Have Sighted Bottle Nose Whale.

Capt. J. E. Haggart of the fishing sch. Avalon arrived in Galveston, Tex., last week and told of seeing a queer fish between Galveston and the Campeche banks. It was large enough to be a whale and resembled one in color. Closer inspection showed that it was neither a whale nor shark. Its tail instead of being horizontal like that of a whale was perpendicular like a red snapper, and from the dorsal fin it tapered almost to a sharp point something like a mackerel, sharp knots and bumps crusted with barnacles being readily noticed, the knots being of the size of baseballs. The head of the fish was exceedingly peculiar, and that the head had a spout hole demonstrated that it belonged to the whale family. The difference, however, was that the blow hole instead of being on top of the head was directly in the centre of a tapering pointed nose, giving it the appearance of a short length of an elephant's trunk fastened to the head and tapering back to where the head began to be body. While watching the fish, Haggart says, it raised its head out of the water and spouted and a stream of water an inch or so thick shot into the air for a distance of 15 or 20 feet, resembling a stream from a fire hose. The crew was naturally wonderstruck at such a sight and wanted to get away, but Capt. Haggart stayed until the fish sank from sight. It is stated that this is the first time such a fish has been seen in Gulf waters. The specimen is supposed to have been a bottle nose whale, usually found in the Japan sea.

Alaskan Fisheries Notes.

The halibut market shows no change for the better. The best returns for the fish shipped recently to Seattle reads 3 3-4 cents. The amount "cooked" in transportation is large. On an average, say many fishermen, the shipments do not average 2 1-2 cents.

Recently there were 40 halibut boats tied up at Wrangell Narrows. These boats have a capacity of 800,000, but the masters and crews do not appear anxious to fish at the low prices. Some of the boats which arrived at the Narrows when halibut was being shipped on a failing market have not made a successful trip.

Halibut is getting scarce, and is going in deeper water. The small boats, which were bringing in about 5000, are not obtaining 50 per cent. of that amount. The larger boats, which are fishing in 250 fathoms, are doing better than the small.

Reports from Juneau indicate that some of the halibut men at that city have become completely disgusted with the turn of affairs and have tied up. At Ketchikan the North East people are buying all good halibut and it is stated, are paying three cents.

A Seattle-Alaska boat which sailed recently from the Narrows took 600 boxes of halibut, 200 boxes coming from Juneau. There were 350 boxes on the boat leaving the Narrows November 21.

Several new boats which were built in South East Alaska this season have not made a trip. The owners in some instances have hauled up. Small halibut boats are for sale at ridiculously low prices, one of them selling gear and engine that cost \$300 for \$75.

Bait is cheap, but in light demand. A large amount of salt bait is on hand. Should the price of halibut continue low and the weather keep mild, the baiters will be "stuck" badly on salt bait.

The demand for herring salted is large. The buyers "passed up" the typewriter, and are using the cable and wireless. Eight dollars per barrel is freely offered. The indications are that \$9 will be the figures by December 1. An extra effort is being made by fishermen to secure the large herring.

Herring, dry salted in halibut boxes is in good demand at \$55 a ton, Seattle. There is inquiry for pickled whole black cod. The halibut schooners are salting fair amounts. They will ship about Christmas. Not a pound of smelts is in sight. King salmon is still being fished by the Indian.

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Herring Vessels at Sydney, C. B.

Six of the Gloucester herring fleet were harbored at North Sydney, C. B., on Monday, two of them bound home with cargoes, and four bound down.